

Medical Identity Fraud Arrests



Yesenia Guillen and Stacey Lilley were arrested in Cumberland County on October 29, 2009, and charged with two counts of Insurance Fraud (F3), one count of Criminal Attempt/Theft by Deception (F3) and one count of Identity Theft (M1).



According to the Criminal Complaint, Stacey Lilley had insurance coverage through the Delta Dental Insurance Company. Lilley's friend, Yesenia Guillen, is the sister of Lilley's former boyfriend. An individual identifying herself as Stacey Lilley received treatment at T.E.C. Endodontics, in Philadelphia on June 29, 2009, and filled out patient history forms and medical insurance forms in Lilley's name. Allegedly, when Lilley initially spoke to representatives from Delta Dental, she confirmed that it was she that received this endodontic treatment in Philadelphia.

However, according to the Criminal Complaint, the x-rays of Guillen and Lilley confirm that Guillen used the Delta Dental insurance identification of Lilley to have her dental work done. No money was paid out by Delta Dental, as the alleged fraud was caught prior to payment.

Fraudulent Insurance Claim Ends In Conviction



Mary Madden pled guilty to one count of Forgery (M1) in Washington County and on October 1, 2009, was sentenced to serve 3 years probation and ordered to perform 50 hours of community service and to pay all court costs.

Madden filed a fraudulent insurance claim with the AFLAC Insurance Company in November of 2007, seeking reimbursement of approximately \$4,800 for dialysis treatment she claimed she had received at Monongahela Valley Hospital. In support of her claim, Madden presented a Sickness Claim Form and a Physician's Statement Form which indicated that she was hospitalized between April 8 and 11, 2007 and between

April 14 and 28, 2007. Madden, however, had altered a dialysis billing statement originally for her deceased father from the Monongahela Valley Hospital and submitted it as her own. Our investigation revealed that Madden did not receive any of the treatments she claimed and that the billing statements were for her deceased father who had been on dialysis.

ARRESTS

On October 28, 2009, Ralph Dennis was arrested in Dauphin County. According to the Criminal Complaint, Dennis, while receiving long term disability benefits from the Unum Insurance Company between November, 2004 and July, 2008, made numerous



verbal and written statements to insurance company representatives in which he claimed that he was not receiving Social Security Disability Income (SSDI). Under the Unum policy, long term disability benefit payments would have been offset by any SSDI that Dennis received. Unum determined that it had allegedly paid Dennis more than \$21,500.00 above and beyond entitlement. Ralph Dennis has been charged with one count of Insurance Fraud (F3) and one count of Theft by Deception (F3).

On October 29, 2009, Joann Lusetich and Dennis Lusetich were arrested in Allegheny County. According to the Criminal Complaint, Joann and Dennis Lusetich presented forged prescriptions for the Schedule II controlled substances Oxycontin and Percocet to a local pharmacy in the Pittsburgh area on various dates between January 2006 and July 2009. The prescriptions were prepared in the name of a doctor who did not authorize the issuance of the prescriptions. The Lusetichs allegedly wrote the prescriptions in family members' names in order to have them filled. Complaint further stated that the fraudulent prescriptions were obtained by paying cash, utilizing Joann Lusetich's mother's insurance with Medco and through Dennis Lusetich's insurance with the Gateway Health Plan. Medco was defrauded \$13,387.43 and Gateway was defrauded \$824.92. Joann and Dennis Lusetich have been charged with one count of Drug Act Violation (F), one count of Insurance Fraud (F3), two counts of Theft by Deception (F3), one count of Provider Prohibited Acts (F3) and one count of Forgery (M1).

- On October 22, 2009, Jason Raudenbush was arrested in Montgomery County. According to the Criminal Complaint, Raudenbush was injured while working as a technician at Teva Pharmaceuticals. Following the injury, Raudenbush submitted a claim to the Aetna Insurance Company under a long-term disability policy and began receiving benefits. The Complaint further stated Raudenbush subsequently obtained employment and failed to notify Aetna. During a home health assessment with Raudenbush to obtain information to assist Aetna in assessing his claim, Raudenbush allegedly misrepresented that he was not employed. Aetna's investigation determined that he was working for another employer and when confronted with this information Raudenbush again allegedly misrepresented his employment. As a result of the misrepresentations, Aetna overpaid Raudenbush \$11,225.58 in payments. Jason Raudenbush has been charged with one count of Insurance Fraud (F3) and one count of Theft by Deception (F3).
- October 15. On 2009. Shelay McBride was in arrested Delaware County. According to the Criminal Complaint, McBride filed an insurance claim in which she alleged that she was injured in a two vehicle auto accident in which she The was a passenger.



Complaint further stated that two additional individuals who were in the vehicle as well as a passenger in the other vehicle involved in the accident, reported that McBride was not in the vehicle. Shelay McBride has been charged with four counts of Insurance Fraud (F3) and two counts of Conspiracy/Theft by Deception (F3).

 On October 22, 2009, Randall Garris was arrested in Bucks County. According to the Criminal Complaint, Garris' car struck a pedestrian. Garris told the police that he was a passenger and that his friend was operating the car. That same day, Garris obtained an auto policy with the Infinity Insurance Company. The deceased's estate filed a claim against Garris' auto policy for funeral and medical expenses. The Complaint further stated that Garris told Infinity that he obtained his auto policy before the accident and that a friend was driving his car at the time of the accident. It is alleged that Garris obtained his auto policy minutes after the accident and that he was driving the car even though his license was suspended. Randall Garris has been charged with one count of Insurance Fraud (F3), one count of Criminal Attempt/Theft by Deception (F3) and one count of False Reports for Law Enforcement Authorities (M3).

- On October 29, 2009, Susan Musso was arrested in Lackawanna County. According to the Criminal Complaint, Musso filed an automobile insurance claim with Progressive Insurance Company for lost wages and reported that while seated in her 2005 Lincoln Aviator, she reached for a bag of her belongings which she left on the ground next to her vehicle and fell out of her vehicle injuring her wrist. However, it is alleged that Musso injured her wrist when she fell off an air mattress at her place of employment and therefore, she would not have been eligible to receive lost wage benefits under her Susan Musso automobile insurance policy. has been charged with one count of Insurance Fraud (F3) and one count of Criminal Attempt/Theft by Deception (F3).
- On October 28, 2009, Jason Bizzare was arrested in Montgomery County. According to the Criminal Complaint, Bizzare obtained an automobile policy with the Progressive Insurance Company. The following day, Progressive was notified that the vehicle had been involved in a two vehicle accident resulting in damage to the second vehicle. The Complaint further stated that during the investigation of the claim, Bizzare allegedly represented to Progressive that the damage



to the vehicle occurred after the policy obtained. Jason was Bizzare has been charged count with one Insurance Fraud (F3) and one count of Criminal Attempt/Theft by Deception (F3).

On October 16, 2009, Adam Cupak was arrested Berks County. According to Criminal Complaint, obtained renter's Cupak insurance from the Travelers Insurance Company on January 10, On February 3, 2009, Cupak submitted a



claim, alleging that his work tools were stolen from his truck on January 26, 2009. Later, in support of his claim, Cupak submitted a tool vendor's summary of his tool purchases. Cupak claimed that all of the listed tools were According to the stolen from his truck. Criminal Complaint, Cupak obtained the policy from Travelers after the theft and lied about when the theft occurred. Additionally Cupak allegedly covered up the date on the document that he submitted to Travelers to hide the fact that he sought to document his tool purchases before January 10, 2009. Adam Cupak has been charged with one count of Insurance Fraud (F3), one count of Attempted Theft by Deception (F3) and one count of Forgery (M1).

On October 19, 2009, Caliph Clemmones was arrested in Montgomery County. According to the Criminal Complaint, Clemmones' girlfriend, Sherree Burrows, was involved in a two vehicle accident while driving on the PA Turnpike. Burrows' vehicle was insured by the Bristol West Insurance Company and the other vehicle was insured by the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company. accident was non-reportable as neither vehicle suffered damage. However, the Complaint further stated that Clemmones submitted personal injury claims to both Bristol West and Ohio Casualty. Clemmones allegedly misrepresented that he was a passenger in Ms. Burrows' vehicle at the time of the accident. Both Burrows and the other were interviewed and driver provided statements that Clemmones was not in the vehicle at the time of the accident. Caliph Clemmones has been charged with one count of Insurance Fraud (F3) and one count of Theft by Deception (F3).

 On October 2, 2009, Kristin Williams was arrested in Montgomery County. According to the Criminal Complaint, Williams was asked by an unindicted coconspirator to procure automobile insurance for him in Pennsylvania, as the



co-conspirator was on parole and moving out of the area. The co-conspirator was barred from living outside the area by his parole officer. The Complaint further stated that an accident occurred in New York involving the vehicle registered and insured by and to Williams. The driver of the vehicle left the scene of the accident. It is alleged that Williams was not driving the vehicle at the time of the accident, but had nevertheless insured and registered the vehicle in Kristin Williams has been Pennsylvania. charged with two counts of Insurance Fraud (F3 & M1).

- On October 22, 2009, Debra Zilch was arrested in Cambria County. According to the Criminal Complaint, Zilch reported to the State Farm Insurance Company that she had been involved in an automobile accident on February 9, 2008. It is alleged that the accident actually occurred on February 5, 2008, during a time that Zilch's policy with State Farm had lapsed. Debra Zilch has been charged with one count of Insurance Fraud (F3) and one count of Criminal Attempt/Theft by Deception (F3).
- On October 27, 2009, William Hillman was arrested in Beaver County. According to the Criminal Complaint, Hillman reported to the Nationwide Insurance Company that his vehicle had been involved in an automobile accident on December 15, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., after he had reinstated his previously lapsed coverage. According to the Criminal Complaint, the accident occurred at about 2:00 p.m., prior to the time that the coverage was reinstated. William Hillman has been charged with one count of Insurance Fraud (F3) and one count of Criminal Attempt (F3).
- On October 30, 2009, Michael Coia was arrested in Montgomery County. According to the Criminal Complaint, Coia had automobile

insurance with the Allstate Insurance Company which lapsed on December 7, 2008, due to policy non-payment. incident occurred on January 5, 2009, where power steering fluid was poured into the brake line of the car, causing damage to the brake line. The Complaint further stated that Coia reinstated his comprehensive coverage on January 8, 2009. Coia subsequently made a claim to Allstate reporting that his car had been vandalized by someone pouring power steering fluid into the brake line on January 22, 2009. The Complaint alleged that Coia post dated the incident to fall after the policy Michael Coia has been was reinstated. charged with one count of Insurance Fraud (F3) and one count of Theft by Deception (F3).

CONVICTIONS

Christopher Sautter pled guilty to two counts of Insurance Fraud (M1) in Montgomery County. Christopher Sautter owned and insured a 2002 Toyota Celica with the SafeAuto Insurance Company. On June 30, 2006, Sautter's mother applied for auto insurance with the Progressive Insurance Company, and advised Progressive that she took over the payments and would be the sole driver of the Toyota. Our investigation revealed that Christopher continued to operate the Toyota and had filed fraudulent MV-140 (Request for Registration) documents

with PennDot, stating he had insurance on the vehicle when he did not. On October 7, 2009, Christopher Sautter was sentenced to serve 2 to 23 months incarceration and ordered to pay a fine of \$500 and all court costs.



 Dedra Corker pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud (F3) and one count of Forgery (F3) in Philadelphia County. Corker had disability insurance from the AFLAC Insurance Company while employed by the Philadelphia Mental Health Care Corporation. Corker's employment was terminated in May 2003. Corker submitted fifteen disability claims for payment between 2003 and 2007, stating various reasons that she was unable to work and received \$27,635 in payments on these claims. Corker also submitted numerous forged forms allegedly signed by her employer and her physicians in support of her claims. On October 5, 2009, Dedra Corker was sentenced to serve 3 years probation and ordered to pay restitution of \$27,635 and all court costs.

Brody Nichols pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud (F3) in Washington County. Nichols filed a claim with the Travelers Insurance Company on August 18, 2007, reporting that his 2004 Mustang was stolen from his residence. The vehicle was subsequently recovered wrecked. Our investigation revealed that Nichols was involved in an accident in which he lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a telephone pole. Nichols left the scene and reported the vehicle stolen. automobile policy was for comprehensive coverage and would only have covered



damages resulting from the vehicle being stolen. On October 28, 2008, Brody **Nichols** was sentenced to serve 2 vears probation and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service, pay a Fine of \$500 and all court costs.

Stephen Keim was found guilty of one count of Insurance Fraud (F3) in Berks County. Keim went to the Pocono Medical Center ER for a broken foot. The Encompass Insurance Company received a claim for Keim's injury on a homeowner's policy for Keim's in-laws. The in-laws reported to Encompass that Keim was helping them repair a floor in their house, when a box was dropped on Keim's foot. In a recorded statement, Keim also told Encompass that he was injured by the dropped box. Records from the Pocono Medical Center reveal that, on three occasions, Keim specifically reported to medical personnel that he had injured his foot when he kicked a wall and also told at least one person there that it happened at his Keim's injury would not have own home.

been covered if he kicked a wall or if the injury had occurred anywhere other than at his in-law's home. On October 1, 2009, Stephen Keim was sentenced to serve 2 years probation and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service, pay restitution of \$1,790.82 and all court costs.

- Khalil Cotton pled guilty to one count of Criminal Attempt/Theft (M1) in Allegheny County. Cotton filed a claim for a burglary at his apartment in which personal property was allegedly stolen in March 2007, and provided the State Farm Insurance Company with an inventory sheet of personal property that was missing. Our investigation revealed that a number of items Cotton listed as stolen were, in fact, still in his possession. On October 5, 2009, Khalil Cotton was sentenced to serve 2 years probation and ordered to perform 50 hours of community service, pay a fine of \$500 and all court costs.
- Joseph Wade pled guilty to four counts of Theft by Deception (M1) and one count of Conspiracy (M1) in Montgomery County. Wade, a contractor doing business as Acme Contracting Services and Acme Roofing Company,



did home repairs for homeowners directed to him by a claims adjuster for the AAA Mid-Atlantic Insurance Company in exchange for kickbacks from Wade. On numerous occasions, the claims adjuster would approve payments on homeowners' claims handled by Wade without requiring Wade to submit estimates or any confirmation that the repairs were completed. To avoid detection from AAA and the homeowners, the claims adjuster would forward checks directly to Wade and either the claims adjuster or Wade would endorse and cash the checks with the signatures of the homeowners without their knowledge or authorization. In addition, the investigation determined that the claims adjuster issued checks directly to Wade totaling almost \$19,000 for work that was never performed by Wade or Acme Roofing Company and that the claims adjuster received approximately \$7,000 in kickbacks. On October 29, 2009, Joseph Wade was sentenced to serve 2 years probation and ordered to pay restitution of \$10,800, a fine of \$2,500 and all court costs.

Michael Russo pled guilty to count Insurance one of Fraud (F3) in Chester County. Russo had contractor's insurance policy the Nationwide Insurance Company that was cancelled on September 30, 2007, for non-payment.



On October 1, 2007, Russo was doing work on some sewer lines when damages occurred totaling over \$11,000. Russo obtained a new policy with Nationwide on November 9, 2007 and then submitted a claim for the October 1, incident, misrepresenting that occurred on November 12, 2007. Our investigation revealed that in an attempt to support his claim, Russo requested the Phoenixville Codes Inspector change the date of the incident in her report to coincide with the date he was reporting, but she refused. On October 5, 2009, Michael Russo was sentenced to serve 2 years probation and ordered to pay a fine of \$500 and all court costs.

- Denise Neal pled guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud (F3) in Philadelphia County. Neal reported to SEPTA that she broke her wrist as a result of a slip and fall on SEPTA property. Neal submitted a claim to the TIG Specialty Insurance Company and her attorney demanded a settlement of \$45,000. Our investigation revealed that Neal told emergency room personnel that she broke her wrist when she was assaulted after leaving a bar and not while she was on SEPTA property. On October 9, 2009, Denise Neal was sentenced to serve 2 years probation and to pay all court costs.
- William Reveron and Three Brothers Delivery, Inc. were sentenced in Philadelphia County. Reveron was the President and person responsible for obtaining and maintaining Workers Compensation Insurance for his business, Three



Brothers Delivery, Inc. During a period spanning several years, the business operated without the required insurance. During that time an employee was injured and submitted a Workers Compensation claim. On October 2, 2009, Three Brother Delivery Service was sentenced to serve 1 year probation and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000 and all court costs. On October 2, 2009, William Reveron received ARD and was placed on 1 year probation, ordered to serve 50 hours of community service and ordered to pay the costs of the ARD Program and all court costs.

(ARD) DISPOSITIONS

During the month of October, three additional defendants received Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD).

PA FRAUD REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The insurance industry has a corporate responsibility to report fraud. When a reasonable basis exists that insurance fraud has occurred, you should report that suspected fraud to a criminal law enforcement agency. The Insurance Department has issued guidelines setting forth your responsibility for reporting fraud.

Simply reporting fraud to an information system serving the industry does not meet your obligation. In Pennsylvania, fraud must be reported to a Federal, State or local law enforcement agency. The Office of Attorney General's Insurance Fraud Section is the largest law enforcement entity in Pennsylvania vested with the specific authority to investigate and prosecute insurance fraud.

Insurance Fraud is a serious and very costly crime. As corporate citizens, it is your responsibility and obligation to assist law enforcement in combating this crime. Together, we can reduce the economic and societal impact of this costly crime.

Report suspected fraud to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General online at:

www.attorneygeneral.gov